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12 MR. SAUNDERS: I'm Terry Saunders. I have a

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13 few remarks. I don't believe they should be allowed to
14 bury any high radioactive waste. According to the
15 National Academy of Sciences Wilshire Report, I forget
16 which, the Beatty dump site about 367 feet above the
17 water table, had a dump site was never supposed to
18 leak. And as of about 1995, plus or minus a couple of
19 years, there's radioactive carbon 14 and tritium at the
20 water level. I found that out from the Ward Valley
21 thing for -- I don't know how far Yucca, the Beatty
22 site was from the Colorado River, probably 100 miles
23 more or less. They're going to give them a second
24 chance, unlined pits. The Ward Valley thing, 12 or 13
25 miles as the crow flies, and the fisheries go according

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1 to the geodetic surveys and stuff. Anyway, I don't
2 think they should be allowed to bury it.

3 Secondly, the power crisis in California, we
4 all focused on that. We have an energy shortage. And
5 we was always picking on California for not producing
6 their own power. Nevada only produces 50 percent of
7 their power. Okay. We have 77,000 tons estimated of

8 high radioactive radiation coming here, material to be
9 buried. I'm -- I think that's kind of a mess.

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10 The whole thing is a mess, but I do believe
11 that you can make the best out of it. And I think we
12 should take that energy and what we can get rid of it,
13 if the French are smart enough, the Japanese are smart
14 enough to convert this to reasonable fuel and use it
15 over again, if we have 77,000 tons of material, and we
16 can recycle it 10, 15, 20, 30 times, and end up with
17 only 3,000 tons, whatever, build some nuclear power
18 plants, use it up, reprocess it, keep it on site, and
19 produce some power.

20 Nevada right now doesn't produce -- they
21 produce half of their power. Let us produce 400
22 percent. Let's do something with the gaming industry.
23 Let's become a net exporter of power. I don't even
24 know how a ton of radioactive material converts to
25 kilowatts, but design enough power plants and let them

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1 wear out, whatever, and use the stuff up so at some
2 point we're down to one or two power plants, then we
3 bury five tons of radioactive material instead of
4 77,000 tons. And stuff, they talk about 10,000 years.

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5 I have seen literature in the past, four or five, six

6 years, I forget where, they talk about 25,000 years.

7 We're talking about a quarter of a million years. Am I

8 close on time?

9 MODERATOR BROWN: No, I am sorry.

10 MR. SAUNDERS: I thought you was giving me

11 the nod there. Anyway, and if we had this long time

12 periods, let's cut down the buried waste from 77,000

13 tons to 2,000 tons, something much less than that.

14 Become an exporter of power.

15 There's another consideration. We went to

16 war basically in Iraq for power. There's other reasons

17 stated. Power and energy was a big part of it. And

18 we're likely to go to war again. We had 25,000 people

19 plus come back with Gulf War Syndrome. Some of these

20 people brought back genetic damage, and God knows what

21 they got over there. We sold it to Saddam Hussein.

22 That's how we knew what he had, we sold it to him, when

23 he was fighting the Iraqis and Iranians. Some of

24 these guys, it was through the male genes, back in the

25 '60s had a thing, thalidomide caused deformities.

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1 Babies were born with flippers or no arms or no legs or

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2 whole combination. The Gulf War Syndrome brought this
3 back, and now it's through the males. There's some of
4 their kids, an article in "Life" or "Look" magazine a
5 few years ago.

6 If we have another war to secure our power
7 base, our fuel base, our energy base, God knows how
8 many thousands of people are going to come back with
9 this disease or that disease. Not counting the
10 friendly fire, but it was mostly -- God knows what they
11 got into, but they got into it, and I think our
12 government knew something about it, and to the extent
13 we can keep our power here and produce it and save it
14 and use, we've got 70,000 tons of this radioactive
15 material that has a value to have it. And I say let us
16 produce electric power, keep it on the test site. You
17 couldn't grow a decent radish probably that wouldn't
18 glow in the dark. So it's a mess up there. Leave it
19 there and produce power for as long as it lasts.
20 That's one part. Second part was a thing I saw in the
21 paper, I don't know, five, six months ago.

22 MODERATOR BROWN: About a minute left.

23 MR. SAUNDERS: And was talking about Russia
24 taking some of the spent uranium for some of the

25 satellite bloc nations and stuff and reprocessing it.

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1 We will all knew Russia has a horrible cash flow
2 problem. They sell to the good guys if they can, but
3 if they can't sell to got guys, they'll sell to
4 whoever, North Koreans, Lybia, you name it. They're
5 out there. And I think the United States is missing an
6 opportunity to bid for that material, bring it back
7 here, put it in the damn test site, never let it leave,
8 and reprocess it, reprocess it, until it has no use to
9 it any more, then bury that.

10 I think it's stupid to bury 77,000 tons of
11 stuff, and that fellow that left talked about things
12 blowing up and stuff like that. The heat, I hadn't
13 thought of that. Let's use it. Let's sell it to other
14 states, make a cash crop out of it, and God knows what
15 will come out of it in the meantime. Have secondary
16 ideas.

17 Leave it up there, and maybe I think we
18 should have a power company from Nevada, I don't know
19 how Sierra, whatever, got involved with our power.
20 Nevada should be self-sufficient power, and Nevada's
21 been treated rotten in the past, unfairly and this and

22 that and all the stuff you people have heard. Give
23 them a chance to make money out of it, a second
24 industry. Keep it up there and don't bury it. Don't
25 bury the damn thing. Make a dam Carlsbad Cavern with a
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1 swimming pool under there if you want to. Don't bury
2 it the. Reprocess and produce a cash crop and provide
3 some that way. I will quit talking.